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2000/6. Activities and budget for UNICEF secretariat support to the General Assembly special session on the follow-up to the World Summit for Children in 2001 and additional events

The Executive Board

Decides:

(a) That a budget of $5,400,000 from other resources is approved for the period 2000-2001, subject to the availability of specific-purpose contributions:

	In United States dollars
Substantive secretariat	450 000
Global advocacy for children's rights and for the special session	2 020 000
Children and youth mobilization	875 000
Civil society mobilization	1 365 000
Regional advocacy and mobilization	690 000
Total	5 400 000

(b) That this budget is an addition to the start-up funding of $2,000,000 from other resources already approved in decision 1999/12 (E/ICEF/1999/7/Rev.1);

(c) That the Executive Director provide an interim report on the use of the funds in part II of her annual report to the Executive Board at the annual session in 2001 and a final report in her annual report to the Board at the annual session in 2002.

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2000/7. Modifications to the budget process

The Executive Board

1. Reiterates the principle that the plan drives the budget and that the support budget should not be formulated before the programme has been sufficiently articulated through the development of the master plan of operations and the draft country programme recommendation (E/ICEF/1997/12/Rev.1, decision 1997/3), thereby precluding submission of the support budget at the second regular session of the Executive Board in September;

2. Requests UNICEF to conduct consultations with its members and with the Committee on Conferences with a view to enabling the Executive Board to approve future biennial support budgets before the end of the preceding biennium while maintaining the principle that the plan drives the budget;

3. Decides that within the approved support budget appropriations, the Executive Director has the authority to adjust the support management structure to meet programme and the medium-term strategic plan priorities, with the proviso that the establishment of any post above the level of P-5 would require prior approval by the Executive Board. Any changes in the support structure in terms of the grading and number of posts will be reported in the annual report of the Executive Director to the Executive Board.

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2000/8. Reports on field visits of Executive Board members

The Executive Board

Takes note of the reports on the field visits of Executive Board members to Ghana and Namibia, as contained in E/ICEF/2000/CRP.5, and to China, as contained in E/ICEF/2000/CRP.6.

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2000/9. Follow-up to the World Summit for Children

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the "Progress report on follow-up to the World Summit for Children" (E/ICEF/2000/11) and the overall progress being made in the implementation of the Declaration and Plan of Action of the World Summit for Children and its contribution to the realization of children's rights;

2. Recognizes that extraordinary efforts are needed to accelerate progress towards the end-decade goals and, in this context, urges Governments to adopt all appropriate measures, including allocation to the maximum extent of available resources for action in favour of children, and promotion of universal access to basic social services;

3. Recognizes that increasing challenges compromise progress in the achievement of the World Summit goals and acknowledges that UNICEF should continue its advocacy and direct programme work to ensure the realization of the rights of children;

4. Urges donor Governments which have not yet done so to reverse the decline in official development assistance in order to support efforts aimed at the achievement of the World Summit goals and universal access to basic social services, especially in those countries with greatest needs;

5. Requests Governments to conduct reviews at the national and subnational levels to assess progress made in the achievement of World Summit goals, including lessons learned, and to identify strategies for future action, and invites them to share the results of these assessments with the Secretary-General;

6. Requests the Executive Director to continue to advocate for and support efforts by Governments and other relevant actors in civil society to achieve the end-decade goals, within the framework of national and subnational programmes of action;

7. Welcomes the efforts made by UNICEF to strengthen national capacities for the collection and use of data to monitor progress towards the end-decade goals, and encourages the Executive Director to continue to work with Governments and other partners towards that end;

8. Requests the Executive Director to continue to cooperate with United Nations agencies and other partners at the international and national levels to promote the achievement of the World Summit goals and in the preparation of the special session of the General Assembly in 2001;

9. Further requests the Executive Director to support the Secretary-General in the preparation of his report on the end-decade review in 2001, including an overall assessment of progress achieved and lessons learned during the decade, an analysis of the main factors that have inhibited progress, an overview of remaining challenges and issues, and specific recommendations for the future;

10. Further requests the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board on the implementation of the present decision at the 2001 annual session.

2000/10. UNICEF Maurice Pate Award for 2000

The Executive Board

1. Decides to present the UNICEF Maurice Pate Award for 2000 to the Rural Family Support Organization of Jamaica;

2. Approves an allocation of $25,000 from regular resources for that purpose.

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2000/11. Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child

The Executive Board

1. Welcomes enthusiastically the consensus adoption today by the General Assembly of the two Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child to prevent the involvement of children in armed conflict and to ensure the protection of children from sale, prostitution and pornography;

2. Encourages Governments to ratify the two Optional Protocols at the earliest and, in that context, to consider signing/ratifying these documents at the Millennium Summit, to be held from 6 to 8 September 2000;

3. Requests the Executive Director to support efforts by States to speedily sign and ratify the two Optional Protocols.

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